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## **AudioCodes Joins Pingtel's Ecosystem Partner Program with TP-260/SIP Media Gateway**

AudioCodes completes certification program for its TP-260/SIP digital trunking media gateway card to provide greater connectivity options and industry leading voice quality to enterprises

Internet Telephony, Miami, FL - February 22, 2005 — Pingtel Corp., the leading provider of open source, commercial - grade enterprise communications solutions, today announced AudioCodes has joined its Ecosystem Partner Program. As part of the program, AudioCodes' TP-260/SIP Media Gateway was certified to work with Pingtel's award-winning SIPxchange<sup>TM</sup>. SIPxchange, the enterprise SIP PBX for Linux, is the industry's only 100 percent SIP, 100 percent open source enterprise communications platform. By certifying interoperability with Pingtel's SIPxchange, AudioCodes delivers a key component to enterprise customers and channel partners interested in building enterprise communications systems based on their exact needs.

"Pingtel's Ecosystem Partner Program and the certification testing provide AudioCodes and our channel partners with a clear go-to-market advantage based on well documented interoperability," said Alan Percy, Director of Business Development for AudioCodes. "AudioCodes' gateways deliver a wide range of connectivity options and superior voice quality at a price point attractive to enterprise customers."

Pingtel's ecosystem of components includes a wide variety of SIP desktop phones, analog telephone adapters, gateways and other SIP-based enterprise communications products from innovative equipment vendors such as AudioCodes. Pingtel adds provisioning support via its browser oriented management console to further simplify the provisioning process. Solution providers and end customers can mix and match with confidence that the ultimate configuration of SIPxchange and ecosystem partner components will work together seamlessly to deliver the value they expect.

AudioCodes' TP-260/SIP offers value added resellers a PCI-based digital media gateway platform for enhanced voice services and enterprise applications. Offered in densities of 1, 2, 4 and 8 E1/T1s on a single PCI slot, the TP-260/SIP is an excellent building block for a diverse range of applications including IP-PBX solutions. Used in digital trunking applications, the TP-260/SIP supports a range of central office and PBX TDM protocols including ISDN, CAS and E1R2 signaling. Leveraging an on-board SIP stack, the TP-260/SIP eliminates the need for PCI drivers and associated operating system compatibility issues. The TP-260/SIP is a member of a broad line of SIP-controlled enterprise media gateways from AudioCodes, including the stand-alone Mediant 2000 digital trunking gateway, the MediaPack FXO analog trunking and MediaPack FXS analog station gateways.

"SIP is leveling the playing field for enterprise communications products and services and will dramatically change the way voice services are delivered and consumed," said Ed Flannery, Vice President of Business Development for Pingtel. "Pingtel goes the extra step by requiring ecosystem partners complete a product certification program, to insure high quality and interoperability to our solution providers and end customers."

Products certified as part of Pingtel's Ecosystem Partner Program undergo a rigorous testing and documentation program in Pingtel's test lab to ensure interoperability between the product and SIPxchange. For each product submitted, Pingtel's certification engineers create and execute a specific test plan that covers three areas of interoperability – SIP compliance, usability and feature compatibility. The SIPxchange documentation details all the steps required for a successful installation of Pingtel certified ecosystem components. All these efforts insure that end users can quickly

configure ecosystem products with SIPxchange in the field. Pingtel regularly retests vendor products to insure interoperability is being maintained. Finally, Pingtel supports certified ecosystem components when used in conjunction with SIPxchange.

## **About AudioCodes**

AudioCodes Ltd. (NASDAQ: AUDC) enables the new voice infrastructure by providing innovative, reliable and cost-effective Voice over Packet technology and Voice Network products to OEMs, network equipment providers and system integrators. AudioCodes provides its customers and partners with a diverse range of flexible, comprehensive media gateway and media processing technologies, based on VoIPerfect™ −AudioCodes' underlying, best-of-breed, core media gateway architecture. The company is a market leader in voice compression technology and is a key originator of the ITU G.723.1 standard for the emerging Voice over IP market. AudioCodes voice network products feature media gateway and media server platforms for packet-based applications in the wireline, wireless, broadband access, and enhanced voice services markets. AudioCodes enabling technology products include VoIP and CTI communication boards, VoIP media gateway processors and modules, and CPE devices. Its customers include the leading telecom and data network equipment providers globally. AudioCodes' international headquarters and R&D facilities are located in Israel, with U.S. headquarters in San Jose, California. Additional offices are in Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Research Triangle Park (NC), Somerset (NJ), Beijing, London, Mexico City, Paris and Tokyo. For more information on AudioCodes, visit www.audiocodes.com or call +1 (408) 577-0488.

## **About Pingtel Corporation:**

Pingtel is reshaping the communications market by delivering the first enterprise class SIP PBXs, SIP call managers/routers and SIP softphones based on 100% SIP, 100% open source software. Offering enterprise-class communications applications under Linux-style subscription licenses, Pingtel combines the best attributes of open source development - low cost, adaptability and flexibility - with the reliable solutions and support enterprises require for voice applications. Pingtel's open source SIP PBX is the

linchpin technology that will catalyze the movement of enterprise communications into the data center and away from purpose-built hardware. Like enterprise-grade Linux, this approach will drive commoditization of traditional telephony hardware and software and eliminate vendor lock-ins that keep prices high and limit innovation. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.pingtel.com">www.pingtel.com</a>.

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